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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Patent Application of:  
Howard E. Rhodes

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For: ACTIVE PIXEL SENSOR WITH A  
DIAGONAL ACTIVE AREA

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**FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**Box Non-Fee Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**In the Specification**

On page 2, after the title, please insert --This application is a continuation of Application Ser. No. 09/335,182, filed June 17, 1999, the disclosure of which is incorporated by reference herein.--

**In the Claims**

Please cancel claims 1-58.

Please add the following new claims: